#### LITE DEPALMA GREENBERG, LLC

Joseph J. DePalma Katrina Carroll Two Gateway Center, 12th Floor Newark, NJ 07102 Telephone: (973) 623-3000

Facsimile: (973) 623-0858

## **BARROWAY TOPAZ KESSLER** MELTZER & CHECK, LLP

Eric L. Zagar Robin Winchester Tara P. Kao 280 King of Prussia Road Radnor, PA 19087

Telephone: (610) 667-7706 Facsimile: (267) 948-2512

### Counsel for Plaintiffs

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

PAUL MIELE and CHARLES LEE, Derivatively : on Behalf of Nominal Defendant HEARTLAND : Civil Action No. 3:09-cv-4687-AET PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT O. CARR, ROBERT H. B. BALDWIN, MITCHELL L. HOLLIN, ROBERT H. NIEHAUS, MARC J. OSTRO, JONATHAN J. PALMER, GEORGE F. RAYMOND and RICHARD W. VAGUE,

Defendants,

- and -

HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC.,

Nominal Defendant.

STIPULATION AND ORDER OF **DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE** 

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2009, Plaintiffs brought the above-captioned shareholder derivative action on behalf of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. ("Heartland") against certain officers and directors of Heartland after making a litigation demand on Heartland's Board of Directors (the "Board");

WHEREAS, in response to the above, the Board appointed a special committee (the "Special Committee") to conduct an investigation into Plaintiffs' claims;

WHEREAS, the Special Committee retained independent counsel and, over the past seven months, conducted and completed its investigation;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs had requested and have reviewed (as Plaintiffs in this shareholder derivative action) sections of a report prepared by the Special Committee, reflecting the Special Committee's process and conclusions;

WHEREAS, based upon the above information provided to Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs and Defendants, by the undersigned counsel, stipulate and agree that the Verified Consolidated Shareholder Derivative Complaint in this action shall be dismissed with prejudice, with no compensation to Plaintiffs or relief from Defendants. Each party shall bear their own costs, expenses and attorneys' fees.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties to the above-captioned action, through their respective counsel, stipulate and agree, subject to approval of the Court, as follows:

- 1. This action shall be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a); and
  - 2. Each party shall bear its own costs, expenses and attorneys' fees.

## Case 3:09-cv-04687-AET-LHG Document 24 Filed 03/23/10 Page 3 of 4

Case 3:09-cv-04687-AET-LHG Document 23-1 Filed 03/19/10 Page 3 of 4

Dated: March 19, 2010

Dated: March 19, 2010

#### LITE DEPALMA GREENBERG, LLC

/s/ Joseph J. DePalma

Joseph J. DePalma Katrina Carroll Two Gateway Center, 12th Floor Newark, NJ 07102 Telephone: (973) 623-3000

Facsimile: (973) 623-3000

## BARROWAY TOPAZ KESSLER MELTZER & CHECK, LLP

Eric L. Zagar Robin Winchester Tara P. Kao 280 King of Prussia Road Radnor, PA 19087 Telephone: (610) 667-7706

Facsimile: (267) 948-2512

Counsel for Plaintiffs

## BLANK ROME LLP

## /s/ John O. Farley (with permission)

Stephen M. Orlofsky
Seth J. Lapidow
New Jersey Resident Partners
David C. Kistler
301 Carnegie Center Drive, Suite 301
Princeton, NJ 08540
Telephone: (609) 750-7700

Telephone: (609) 750-7700 Facsimile: (609) 750-7701

### GOODWIN PROCTER LLP

Stephen D. Poss (pro hac vice)
John O. Farley (pro hac vice)
Exchange Place
53 State Street
Boston, MA
Telephones (617) 570, 1000

Telephone: (617) 570-1000 Facsimile: (617) 523-1231

Counsel for Nominal Defendant Heartland Payment Systems, Inc.

# 

**ORDER** 

The Honorable Anne E. Thompson Senior United States District Judge